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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT" STAMPS AND SOUVENIR CARD AND DEFINITIVE STAMPS

1. On Thursday, 1 September 1994, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card on the theme "Population and development", to commemorate the International Conference on Population and Development to be held at Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994.

Denomination:	29 cents	F.s. 0,60	S 5.50
Quantity:	590,000	535,000	650,000

Denomination:	52 cents	F.s. 0,80	S 7
Quantity:	540,000	535,000	650,000

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

2. The six stamps were designed by Jerry Smath, United States of America. They were printed in offset lithography by Joh. Enschedé, Netherlands, and each measures 42 mm x 26.1 mm, perforation to perforation (perforation: 13 1/4 x 13 3/4). The vertical sheets each contain 50 stamps.

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,60: 50 cents, F.s. 0,80: 66 cents, S 5.50: 55 cents and S 7: 69 cents - subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

SOUVENIR CARD

3. The forty-sixth in a series of souvenir cards will also be released on 1 September 1994 to coincide with the "Population and development" issue. The card, also designed by Jerry Smath, depicts the six new stamps and carries a statement by United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. A quantity of 78,000 cards were printed by Joh. Enschedé, Netherlands, in offset lithography. They will be available for a period of three months, while supplies last.

NEW DEFINITIVE STAMPS

4. Three new definitive stamps will also be issued on 1 September 1994. The stamps, in denominations of F.s. 0,60, F.s. 0,80 and F.s. 1,80, will be issued to meet current and make-up postage rates. The F.s. 0,60 and F.s. 1,80 are based on photographic views of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The F.s. 0,80 stamp shows a detail of a tapestry titled "Creation of the World", by Oili Mäki, Finland, which was donated to the United Nations by the Wihuri Foundation of Finland. This tapestry hangs in the Palais des Nations.

F.s. 0,60

F.s. 0,80

F.s. 1,80

5. Mr. Rocco J. Callari, a United Nations staff member, adapted all three stamps. The stamps were printed in offset lithography by The House of Questa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in an initial quantity of 1,075,000 each. The stamps measure 35.96 mm x 25.73 mm, perforation to perforation (perforation: 14). The vertical sheets will contain 50 stamps.

6. When the new F.s. 0,60 and F.s. 0,80 definitive stamps are placed on sale on 1 September, that will be the last day of sale of the 1970 F.s. 0,60 and the 1991 F.s. 0,80 definitive stamps.

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,60: 50 cents, F.s. 0,80: 66 cents, and F.s. 1,80: $1.49 - subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

7. For the convenience of collectors, the United Nations Postal Administration at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachet ONLY.

8. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps, souvenir card, and first day cancellations on Thursday, 1 September 1994, at the following locations:

(a) The United Nations Postal Administration sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.